

Connubialities.

A pretty little maiden Had a pretty little dream, A pretty little wedding Was the pretty little theme, A pretty little bachelor To win her favor tried, And ask her how she'd like to be His pretty little bride.

would get into his head and he might fall over the rocks way down into the dreary morning waves. Perhaps I shall never see him again. I know what I'll do. I'll just take the lantern and go after him."

THE RED LIGHT.

"Maggie, is the light there?" "Yes, father."

The wind was high and would often strive to whisk her cloak from her shoulders and snatch the lantern from her hand, but bravely and nobly did this child keep on praying all the while to God to give her strength to get to the hut of Joe Clay's—praying God to keep him there until she had placed the lantern safely in his hands.

Having a Picture Taken.

The operator is just about to withdraw the cloth. His back is toward you. The index finger of his unoccupied hand marks the place for the eye. Every nerve in your body is braced for the ordeal. The cloth is drawn, and the noiseless and unseen fingers of the prepared plate are picking up your features one by one and transferring them to its mysterious surface.

RACING LOCOMOTIVES.

An Exciting Twilight Match Between Two Iron Horses. Few persons who have traveled over either of the two great routes, to wit, the Lake Shore or Fort Wayne, from Chicago eastward, have escaped noticing the fact that the two roads run side by side for a distance of twenty miles before they diverge so much that the passengers on one train cannot distinguish the features of friends upon the other train, providing two trains are running alongside.

Adventure with a Panther.

Nearly half a century ago, when that beautiful section of the country, now thickly dotted with villages and improved farms, along the Nolachucky river, in upper Tennessee, was comparatively a wilderness, the hero of my story had an adventure with a panther, which I have often heard him relate, and which I shall never forget.

Fishing in the Tropics.

The Chase and Capture of the Whale—An Exciting Scene. Whaling stations were established nearly forty years ago at Trinidad, and eight or ten boats leave the shore early every morning during the months of February, March, and April, in search of these monsters of the deep.

Items of Interest.

Cure for a felon—Take it to the penitentiary. An Iowa man who was called a fraud has recovered 18 cents damages. The Auburn flying machine is declared a failure, and its inventor a humbug.

They were father and daughter—these two speakers, and the only occupants of the little cottage that stood by the cliff, near the booming sea. In a pleasant little cottage, where everything was kept bright and cheerful by Maggie; her mother had been dead many a year.

At last it shone brighter and brighter and Maggie knew she was near her journey's end. Then she could hear loud voices above the storm—then she approached the window and peered in—she could see Joe Clay and four other men seated around the table, smoking and drinking, but her father was not one of them—her father was not in the room!

Catching the Sea Lion.

So far as I can learn, says a correspondent writing from the California coast, the Farallon sea lions are seldom disturbed by men seeking profit from them. In the eggging season one or two are shot to supply oil to the lamps of the egggers; and occasionally one is caught for exhibition on the main land.

A New Pledge.

One feature of the temperance revival is both commendable. In certain places a pledge is now circulating among young men by which the signers bind themselves to refrain from asking other men to drink.

What Constitutes a Car Load.

Some one who has been investigating the subject says that in general 20,000 pounds is a car load, which might consist of 70 barrels of salt, 70 of lime, 90 of flour, 60 of whisky, 200 sacks of flour, 6 cords of hard wood, 7 of soft, 18 to 20 head of cattle, 50 to 60 head of hogs, 80 to 100 head of sheep, 6,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 13,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one-half less hard lumber, one-fourth less green lumber, one-tenth less of joists, scantling, and all other large lumber, 340 bushels of wheat, 360 of corn, 680 of oats, 400 of barley, 360 of flax seed, 360 of apples, 480 of Irish potatoes, 360 of sweet potatoes, 1,000 bushels of bran.

The Lion and the Unicorn.

James I. was the first who united the lion and the unicorn heraldically, adopting the latter beast from the supporters of the Scottish sovereigns. The conjunction of those animals on an ecclesiastical vestment of the period of the Reformation must be attributed to religious symbolism rather than to any heraldic arrangement; the lion typifying fortitude and strength, while the unicorn is typical of fondle and chastity.

An Office Holder.

We are quite serious, says an exchange, in recommending office-seekers to go to Gainesville, Florida. A correspondent sends a paragraph from the paper published in that place, which says: "When the Hon. L. G. Dennis left us for his Northern trip, to be absent several months, we lost in him our Senator, county commissioner, board of instruction, deputy marshal, deputy sheriff, deputy county clerk, treasurer of school funds, custodian of county treasurer's books, senior councilman, and acting mayor. Nearly all public business was suspended until his return."

Thomas Hood and His Wife.

I never was anything, dearest, till I knew you—and I have been better, happier, and a more prosperous man ever since. Lay by that truth in lavender, dearest, and remind me of it when I fail. I am writing fondly and warmly; but not without good cause. First your own affectionate letter, lately received; next the remembrance of our dear children, pledges—what darling ones!—of our old familiar love; then a delicious impulse to pour out the overflows of my heart into yours; and last, not least, the knowledge that your dear eyes will read what my hands are now writing. Perhaps there is an afterthought that, whatever may befall me, the wife of my bosom will have this acknowledgment of her tenderness—wifely and to excellence—all that is worthy or womanly, from my pen.

The Great Wall of China.

Seen from the Chinese side, the Great Wall resembled a huge earthen mound, crowned with battlements built of brick. Everywhere it had an old and dilapidated appearance. In some places it had been altogether destroyed. On the Manchurian side, on the other hand, the Great Wall seemed constructed of bricks, resting upon a pavement of stone. It is flanked by square towers throughout its whole length. These are placed at the distance of about two bowshots, in order that the enemy may be everywhere within range. It descends into the sea in two parallel tiers or jetties, which slope so gently that one can ascend to the top from the water's edge by approaching them. The largest ships may approach within two miles of the wall, and, indeed, it is the very place at which visitors should in future disembark.

The Stars.

Here is a beautiful thought of Thomas Carlyle: "When I gaze into the stars, they look down upon me with pity from their serene and silent space, like eyes glistening with tears, over the little lot of men. Thousands of generations all as noisy as our own, have been swallowed up by time, and there remains no record of them any more, yet Arcturus and Orion, Sirius and the Pleiades, are still shining in their courses, clear and young as when the shepherd first noted them from the plain of Shinar. What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue!"

Dr. Brown-Segard successfully ingrafted a cat's tail in a cock's comb, but there are some cockcombs on the head that not even a tail of sorrow like that could be made to penetrate or take hold on them.

Silver was first coined by Phidon, King of Argos, about 860 B. C., the epoch of the building of Carthage, and about 140 years after the building of Solomon's Temple.

Parson.—This term, now vulgarly used for a minister of any kind, has a classical origin, and is derived from the Latin term "persona ecclesiae," the rector being a corporation sole.

A young lady in Gloucester is charged with keeping her light burning in the parlor until very late on Sunday night, in order to harrow the sensitive feelings of an envious neighbor into the belief that she had really got a beau.

A lady asked a pupil at a public examination of a Sunday school, "What was the sin of the Pharisees?" "Eating camels, ma'am," was the quick reply. She had read that the Pharisees "strained at gnats and swallowed camels."

A young man recently wrote to the Mayor of Pittsburgh: "I desire to get some information in regard to razor grinding. Will your Honor please visit the place where they grind them, and write to me whether they grind on one side or both sides of the blade at the same time, what size stones or wheels they use and if dry, and oblige."

You may stop out of your Pullman car to get a breath, in journeying through Nevada, at some little way station, and stumble over a pile of silver bricks breast high, and worth fifty or a hundred thousand dollars. You will generally perceive, on very close inspection of the phenomenon, a loaded revolver which has a singular trick of following your movements like a magnet.

The latest thing in dolls is a young lady of tinted wax, who, when wound up and given a high chair at the table, reaches out her arms, seizes a bit of bread, and slowly puts it in her mouth. When she has done this a certain number of times, it is necessary to open her back, remove the food, and wind her up again. Would that human beings could be relieved of indigestion in this manner!